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Westminster, December 21.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. *Aston*, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty by a Land Tax, to be raised in the Year 1707.

An Act for Continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Syder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1707.

An Act for the Settling the Honours and Dignities of John *Duke of* Marlborough *upon his Posterity, and annexing the Honour and Manor of* Woodstock, *and House of* Bleinheim, *to go along with the said Honours.*

An Act for the Naturalizing Maria Margaret, *Lady* North *and* Grey.

And Her Majesty afterwards made a most gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am Glad of this Occasion to Repeat to You My Great Satisfaction in Your several Addresses Presented to Me in the Beginning of this Session.

The Zeal and Affection which You Express'd in them for My Service, and the Common Cause of Europe, *cannot Fail of being a Great Encouragement to all Our Allies.*

The Particular Notice which You have taken of the Eminent Services of the Duke of Marlborough, *is also very Agreeable to Me; and I make no Question but it will be so to the whole Kingdom.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am to Thank You in a very Particular Manner, for the more than usual Dispatch of the Bills of Supply, with which You have now Presented Me.

This will Enable me to put all Our Necessary Preparations for next Year into a great Forwardness, and must needs have a very good Effect for Improving the Advantages of the last Campagne.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Suppose You will think it Convenient to make some short Recess during the Holidays.

The Zeal and Unanimity You have already shewn, are a sufficient Assurance to Me, That You will all return in the same good Temper and Disposition to Dispatch what remains of the Publick Business.

Madrid, Dec. 7. *N. S.* The Duke of Berwick arrived here the 5th Instant from the Borders of Valentia, having put his Troops into Winter Quarters, which are much diminished and broken by the Fatigues they have undergone in the late Campaign, and the Siege of Carthagena, which Place has cost them very dear. The Duke of Anjou and his Ministers are consulting upon the Means to raise Money for carrying on the War, and, among other Methods, have resolved to seize all the Revenues of the Crown, which have been granted or mortgaged by any of the Kings of Spain to private Persons, which will fall very heavy upon many of the Nobility, and occasion great Discontents among them.

Milan, Dec. 11. The Duke of Savoy being Master of the Town and Castle of Cazal, the Garison of which Place consisted of 600 Officers and about 2000 private Men, who are become Prisoners of War, has put a good Garison into it, and is marching with his Army towards Valenza, with intent to besiege that Place. Prince Eugene is likewise drawing towards Cremona, with the Troops under his Command, and making Preparations for attacking that Town. A strong Detachment of the Confederate Forces is shortly expected here, to attack the Castle, which still holds out, though closely block'd up. We have an Account, That the Imperialists under General Wetzell have got Possession of the Castle of Modena.

Berlin, Dec. 18. The 15th Instant the King gave an Entertainment, upon the Occasion of the late Marriage between the Prince Royal his Son and the Princess of Hanover: All the Foreign Ministers were particularly invited, and every thing was performed with great Order and Magnificence. Last Night there were Illuminations in every part of the Town, and his Majesty, with his whole Court, passed through the principal Streets, to divert themselves with the Sight of many curious Devices and Inscriptions suitable to the Occasion, which were put up in several Places. The King has appointed Monsieur de Knipheusen to go with the Character of his Envoy Extraordinary to Spain, to compliment his Catholick Majesty King Charles the Third on his Succession to the Crown. Letters from Cracow of the 11th Instant say, That Monsieur Smigielski, one of the Chief of the Nobility of Poland, who was in the King's Interest, has entred into the Czar of Muscovy's Service, and having got together a Body of Muscovites, fell upon some Saxon Troops that had the Charge of the Palatine of Kiow, and some other Prisoners taken in the late Battle of Kalish, whom he seized, and carried to the Muscovite Army commanded by General Menzikoff.

Hanover, Dec. 24. Letters from Saxony give an Account of the King of Poland's Arrival at Dresden, and his having since had an Interview with the King of Sweden. There is a Report, That a Party is forming in Poland, of divers of the Nobility and others, who propose to choose a new King, and hope to be countenanced and protected by the Muscovites.

Hague, Dec. 28. *N. S.* The States of Holland and West-friseland have resolved to borrow Three Millions of Guilders, at an Interest of 4 per Cent. towards defraying the Expences of the next Campaign; and the 24th Instant they adjourned till the 12th of next Month. The States General have resolved to augment their National Forces, by adding 8 private Men to every Troop of Horse and Dragoons. This Resolution is sent, in the usual Manner, to the several Provinces for their Approbation, which four of them have already given, and the like is expected from the other three. Letters from Saxony give an Account, That the King of Sweden came to Leipsick the 19th Instant, and returned the Visit which had been made him by the King of Poland; and that the two Princes of Poland, James and Constantine Sobieski, who have been detained Prisoners near two Years, were released from their Confinement in the Castle of Coningstein, and were come to Dresden, having Lodgings provided for them in the Castle, where they were treated, by the King's Order, with all possible Marks of Friendship.

Whitehall, Dec. 19. Her Majesty having been pleased, at the Request of the City of London, to order, That the Standards and Colours taken in the famous Battle of Ramelies, which were lately brought from the Netherlands, should be put up in Guildhall, a Detachment of Her Majesty's Horse Guards and Horse Granadiers, and a Battalion drawn out of both Regiments of Her Majesty's Foot Guards, were drawn up on the Parade in St. James's Park, and having received the said Colours and Standards, which had been laid up at Whitehall, they proceeded in the following Manner: First the Troop of Horse Granadiers, then the Detachment of the Three Troops of Her Majesty's Horse Guards, 26 of the Gentlemen in the Center carrying each a Standard taken from the Enemy. The Battalion of Foot-Guards closed the March, 63 of the Pikemen, instead of their Pikes, each carrying one of the Enemy's Colours advanced. In this manner they marched through the Park and St. James's Mews, where Her Majesty was pleased to see them pass by from the Rt. Hon. the Lady Fitzharding's Lodgings, the Guns in the Park being fired at the same time. Thence they proceeded down the Pall-Mall, the Strand, &c. to Guildhall, where the said Standards and Colours were put up, to remain there as Trophies of that Signal Victory wherewith it pleased Almighty God to bless the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies, under the Conduct of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, a Victory so glorious in it self, and so happy in its Consequences, and as a lasting Monument of the immortal Honour gained by Her Majesty's Arms on that memorable Day.

The Duke of Marlborough having been invited by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to dine with them in the City this Day, his Grace went thither about Noon, accompanied by the Rt. Hon. the Lord High Treasurer, and the Dukes of Somerset and Ormond, in one of Her Majesty's Coaches, and was followed by a Train of other Coaches, in which were several of the Nobility, the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality, with the Generals and other chief Officers of the Army. They were received at Temple-Bar by the City-Marshal, and were conducted to Vintners-Hall, where a splendid Entertainment was provided for them; and they were followed both going and returning with great Acclamations from the People.

Whitehall, December 23. 1706.

IT is Her Majesty's Pleasure, That all the Officers who are now here, and do belong to any of the Regiments in Spain or Portugal, do forthwith repair to their respective Commands, upon Pain of Her Majesty's High Displeasure; such only excepted as shall have Leave to be absent for some time longer, from Her Majesty under Her Royal Sign Manual.

By Her Majesty's Command,

H. St. JOHN.

Her Majesty being pleased to discontinue Touching for this Season, commands that all Persons do forbear Application till it shall be Her Royal Pleasure to Heal again: Of which publick Notice shall be given in the Gazette.

His Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark, Lord High Admiral of England, Ireland, &c. is pleased to direct, That all such Men as do belong to Her Majesty's Ship the Edgar, which are in or about Town, do forthwith repair aboard her at Woolwich, in order to unrig and clear her of her Stores and Provisions: And so soon as this Service shall be over, they are forthwith to repair to their Duty on board the Expedition at Chatham, otherwise they will be taken up and try'd as Deserters: And the Navy-Board is ordered to pay the said Men the Wages due to them in the Edgar, on board the Expedition aforesaid.

His Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark, &c. Lord High Admiral of